

135.176 Medical residency training state matching grants program — repeal.

1. The department shall establish a medical residency training state matching grants program to provide matching state funding to sponsors of accredited graduate medical education residency programs in this state to establish, expand, or support medical residency training programs. Funding for the program may be provided through the health care workforce shortage fund or the medical residency training account created in section 135.175. For the purposes of this section, unless the context otherwise requires, “*accredited*” means a graduate medical education program approved by the accreditation council for graduate medical education or the American osteopathic association. The grant funds may be used to support medical residency programs through any of the following:

a. The establishment of new or alternative campus accredited medical residency training programs. For the purposes of this paragraph, “*new or alternative campus accredited medical residency training program*” means a program that is accredited by a recognized entity approved for such purpose by the accreditation council for graduate medical education or the American osteopathic association with the exception that a new medical residency training program that, by reason of an insufficient period of operation is not eligible for accreditation on or before the date of submission of an application for a grant, may be deemed accredited if the accreditation council for graduate medical education or the American osteopathic association finds, after consultation with the appropriate accreditation entity, that there is reasonable assurance that the program will meet the accreditation standards of the entity prior to the date of graduation of the initial class in the program.

b. The provision of new residency positions within existing accredited medical residency or fellowship training programs.

c. The funding of residency positions which are in excess of the federal residency cap. For the purposes of this paragraph, “*in excess of the federal residency cap*” means a residency position for which no federal Medicare funding is available because the residency position is a position beyond the cap for residency positions established by the federal Balanced Budget Act of 1997, Pub. L. No. 105-33.

2. The department shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A to provide for all of the following:

a. Eligibility requirements for and qualifications of a sponsor of an accredited graduate medical education residency program to receive a grant. The requirements and qualifications shall include but are not limited to all of the following:

(1) Only a sponsor that establishes a dedicated fund to support a residency program that meets the specifications of this section shall be eligible to receive a matching grant. A sponsor funding residency positions in excess of the federal residency cap, as defined in subsection 1, paragraph “c”, exclusive of funds provided under the medical residency training state matching grants program established in this section, is deemed to have satisfied this requirement and shall be eligible for a matching grant equal to the amount of funds expended for such residency positions, subject to the limitation on the maximum award of grant funds specified in paragraph “e”.

(2) A sponsor shall demonstrate, through documented financial information as prescribed by rule of the department, that funds have been reserved and will be expended by the sponsor in the amount required to provide matching funds for each residency proposed in the request for state matching funds.

(3) A sponsor shall demonstrate, through objective evidence as prescribed by rule of the department, a need for such residency program in the state.

b. The application process for the grant.

c. Criteria for preference in awarding of the grants, including preference in the residency specialty.

d. Determination of the amount of a grant. The total amount of a grant awarded to a sponsor shall be limited to no more than twenty-five percent of the amount that the sponsor has demonstrated through documented financial information has been reserved and will be expended by the sponsor for each residency sponsored for the purpose of the residency program.

e. The maximum award of grant funds to a particular individual sponsor per year. An

individual sponsor shall not receive more than twenty-five percent of the state matching funds available each year to support the program. However, if less than ninety-five percent of the available funds has been awarded in a given year, a sponsor may receive more than twenty-five percent of the state matching funds available if total funds awarded do not exceed ninety-five percent of the available funds. If more than one sponsor meets the requirements of this section and has established, expanded, or supported a graduate medical residency training program, as specified in subsection 1, in excess of the sponsor's twenty-five percent maximum share of state matching funds, the state matching funds shall be divided proportionately among such sponsors.

f. Use of the funds awarded. Funds may be used to pay the costs of establishing, expanding, or supporting an accredited graduate medical education program as specified in this section, including but not limited to the costs associated with residency stipends and physician faculty stipends.

3. This section is repealed June 30, 2014.

2009 Acts, ch 118, §46, 54

Referred to in §135.175

[SP] Implementation of section conditioned upon availability of funding; 2009 Acts, ch 118, §54